

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: HANDS-FREE FILTERING SYSTEM FOR RADIOTELEPHONES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the Title and before line 1 of the text, insert:

Background of the Invention

Page 1, between lines 21-22, insert:

Summary of the Invention

Page 1, between lines 27-28, insert:

Detailed Description of Preferred Embodiments

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1-6 as follows:

1. (Amended) A hands-free radiotelephone apparatus enabling hands-free use but preventing hand-held use of a radiotelephone when a vehicle or human-operated equipment is active or in motion, wherein the apparatus provides a link and connection between the hands-free radiotelephone and a radiotelephone scrambler filter located inside

the vehicle or human-operated equipment, the filter being activated when the vehicle or human-operated equipment is started.

2. (Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the apparatus connects an outside antenna to the hands-free radiotelephone and to the scrambler filter simultaneously.

3. (Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the apparatus uses a base receiving a support for the radiotelephone, the support being a replaceable part of the radiotelephone .

4. (Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the apparatus provides the connection to the hands-free radiotelephone for other passengers in the vehicle or human-operated equipment.

5. (Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein insertion of the radiotelephone of a driver of the vehicle or human-operated equipment into a base of the apparatus cuts off transmission from the scrambler filter.

6. (Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the apparatus includes an electrical link between an electrical contact of the vehicle and the scrambler filter, the scrambler filter being either powered and activated by the electrical link, or controlled by a voltage at the electrical link.

Please add new claims 7-9 as follows:

--7. The apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the apparatus further comprises a base receiving a support for the radiotelephone, the support being a replaceable part of the radiotelephone.--

--8. The apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the apparatus provides the connection to the hands-free radiotelephone for other passengers in the vehicle or human-operated equipment.--

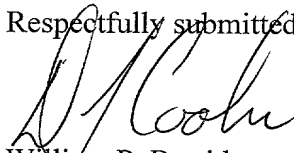
--9. The apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the apparatus includes an electrical link between an electrical contact of the vehicle and the scrambler filter, the scrambler filter being either powered and activated by the electrical link, or controlled by a voltage at the electrical link.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-6 are amended and claims 7-9 are added to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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Appendix

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APPENDIX

Changes to Specification:

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Changes to Claims:

Claims 7-9 are added.

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

1. (Amended) Hands-free ~~A hands-free~~ radiotelephone apparatus enabling hands-free ~~utilization-use~~ but preventing ~~utilization-of the~~ hand-held use of a radiotelephone when ~~the~~ a vehicle or ~~the~~ human-operated equipment is active or in motion, ~~characterized in that it~~ wherein the apparatus provides the ~~a~~ link and connection between the hands-free ~~system-radiotelephone~~ and a radiotelephone scrambler filter located inside the vehicle ~~and-or~~ human-operated equipment, the filter being activated when the vehicle or human-operated equipment is started.
2. (Amended) Apparatus ~~The apparatus~~ according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that it~~ wherein the apparatus connects an outside antenna to the hands-free ~~system-radiotelephone~~ and to the scrambler filter ~~system~~ simultaneously.
3. (Amended) Apparatus ~~The apparatus~~ according to ~~Claims 1 and 2~~ Claim 1, ~~characterized in that it~~ wherein the apparatus uses a base receiving a support for the radiotelephone, the support being a ~~function-replaceable part~~ function-replaceable part of the radiotelephone ~~model and being replaceable~~.

4. (Amended) ~~Apparatus~~ The apparatus according to ~~Claims 1 and 2~~ Claim 1, characterized in that it ~~wherein the apparatus~~ provides the connection to the hands-free system ~~radiotelephone for the other passengers in the vehicle or human-operated equipment.~~

5. (Amended) ~~Apparatus~~ The apparatus according to Claim 1, characterized in that ~~wherein~~ insertion of ~~the driver's telephone~~ the radiotelephone of a driver of the vehicle or human-operated equipment into ~~the~~ a base of the ~~hands-free~~ apparatus cuts off transmission from the scrambler filter.

6. (Amended) ~~Apparatus~~ The apparatus according to ~~Claims 1 and 2~~ Claim 1, characterized in that it ~~wherein the apparatus~~ includes ~~a~~ an electrical link between ~~the~~ an electrical contact of the vehicle and the scrambler filter, the scrambler filter being either powered and activated by ~~this~~ the electrical link, or controlled by ~~the existence of~~ a voltage at ~~this~~ the electrical link.